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SUBJECT: MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSE; EXPORT OF 200 COLT REVOLVERS
PLUS AMMUNITION

1. MR. JEAN HALLACK, DIRECTOR ANTOINE HALLAK AND CO,
BOULEVARD BAGHDAD, DAMASCUS, ACTING AS AGENT OF LEVENDOS
INTERNATIONAL SALES CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 15126, NORTH
HIGHLAND MANOR, WEXFORD, PENN, 15090, TEL: (412) 935-2209,
HAS CONTRACTED TO SELL TO SYRIA 200 COLT (MODEL 38 COBRA)
REVOLVERS AND 10,000 ROUNDS .38 SPECIAL AMMO. PURCHASER
IS MINISTRY INTERIOR, INTERNAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT
(POLICE). PURCHASE IS TO PROVIDE PERSONAL SIDEARMS AS
GIFT TO SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS (IN LIEU HIGHER PAY). TOTAL
CONTRACT IS DOLLARS 33,233.30.

2. MR. HALLACK HAS RECEIVED TELEX FROM MR. LEVENDOS
ADVISING PM/OMC HAS DENIED EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION.
IN FOLLOW-ON TELEX LEVENDOS REQUESTS HALLACK OBTAIN 90/120
DAY DELAY FROM SYRIAN AUTHORITIES WHILE LEVENDOS RESUBMITS
EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION. HALLACK STATES LEVENDOS HAD
ASSURED HIM THAT EXPORT LICENSE NOT A PROBLEM BECAUSE SALE
WAS FOR SMALL QUANTITY SMALL ARMS TO POLICE (NOT ARMED
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FORCES). HALLACK UNABLE TO OBTAIN DELAY. SHOULD HE FAIL
TO DELIVER BY 24 APRIL HE MUST PAY ONE PERCENT DAILY PENALTY
THEREAFTER, AND IF NON-DELIVERY IS FINAL FORFEITS TEN PERCENT
BID BOND. MORE THAN MONEY HALLACK CONCERNED AT LOSS COMMER-
CIAL REPUTATION AND GOODWILL WITH POLICE. HE IS ALREADY
SUPPLIER POLICE VEHICLES, MOTORCYCLES, TRAFFIC CONTROL
DEVICES, AND OTHER ANCILLARY POLICE EQUIPMENT.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS PM/OMC RECONSIDER EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION. QUANTITY RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT, PURPOSE OF PURCHASE IS PRIMARILY SYMBOLIC GIFT TO SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS. DISAPPROVING LICENSE NEEDLESSLY IRRITATES SYRIAN POLICE OFFICIALS ON WHOM WE DEPEND FROM TIME TO TIME FOR SECURITY SERVICES, ASSISTANCE TO AMCITS, TRAFFIC PROBLEMS INVOLVING USG EMPLOYEES AND OTHER NUMEROUS DAILY SERVICES DEMANDED FROM POLICE. MR. HALLACK APPEARS TO HAVE ACTED IN GOOD FAITH AND REPRESENTS OTHER US FIRMS AS WELL. SHOULD LICENSE BE DENIED, EMBASSY IN INTEREST BUSINESS GOODWILL, WOULD PLAN NOTIFY SYRIAN AUTHORITIES THAT EXPORT LICENSE DENIED BY STATE DEPARTMENT AND THAT LOCAL US BUSINESS REP NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DENIAL. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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